



How to Co-Exist with Wild Pigs in Corona



Corona Police Department

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Ask

That Council provide direction on a preferred course of action to deal with wild pig depredation within city limits.

Background: Wild Pig Facts

- Wild pigs exist in 56 out of 58 counties in CA
- Wild pigs have been known to live in and around Corona for over 70+ years
- Reside in various habitats, including woodland, chaparral, meadow, and grasslands
- Omnivores, consume both plants and animal matter
- Use snouts to root up ground for food
- Active during day and night

Jurisdictions Involved

- Purple – Riverside County Flood District (RCFD)
- Blue Line – Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)
- Red Hash – City of Corona



600ft

-117.605 33.913 Degrees

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Response to Date

- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is responsible for managing wildlife throughout the state, including wild pigs.
- As complaints of wild pig depredation are received these are reported to CDFW for investigation and response.
- The City of Corona provides community education to better inform and advise residents on dealing with wild pigs.

Options

1. Education, Advice & Information

Continue to educate residents, provide advice on how to prevent depredation, and provide information on private sector companies to homeowners.

2. Multi-agency Response Working Group

Form a multi agency response working group between the City, County Flood Control, and Army Core Of Engineers to collaborate on mitigation efforts and share costs.

3. City Contract with Private Sector Contractors

Enter contracts with private sector contractors to trap and kill wild pigs in the area on a regular basis.

4. Allow for Sport Hunting

Revise CMC to allow for sport hunting of wild pigs within city limits.

5. Allow for immediate take by property owners.

Revise CMC to allow for easier taking (killing) of pigs by property owners when the need arises.

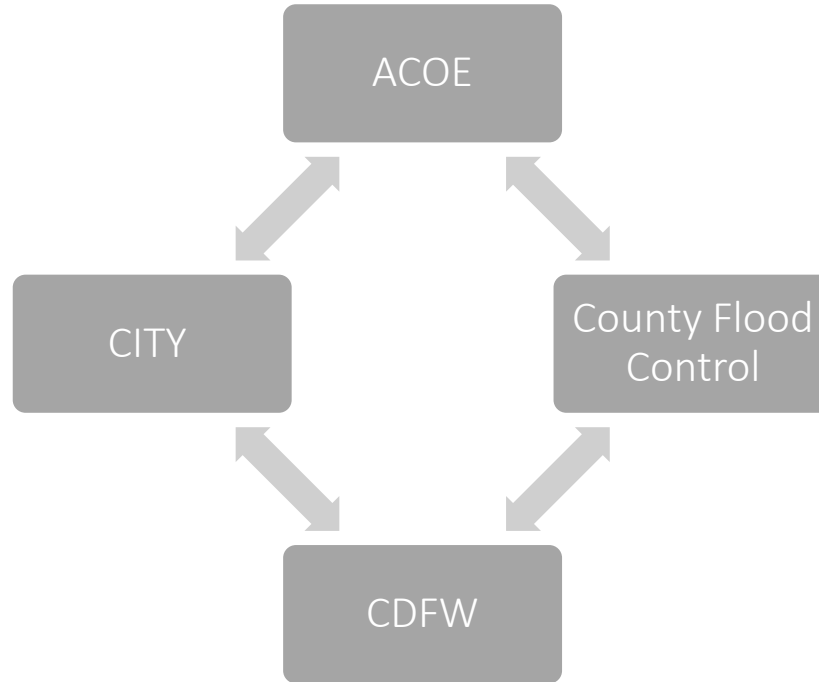
1. Education, Advice & Information

Continue to educate residents via social media, website, etc. to provide advice on Do's and Don't's; pig proofing and deterrence; and information on private sector companies to homeowners.

- Secure property/area free from debris, especially fruit/veggie gardens.
- Remain calm and move away slowly, giving the animal plenty of room.
- Never approach or attempt to feed the animal.
- Keep a safe distance away and do not attempt to corner or provoke the animal.
- Keep your dog leashed and ensure the dog is under the control of a responsible adult.



2. Multi-Agency Working Group



3. City Contract with Private Sector

Enter contracts with private sector contractors to trap and kill wild pigs in the area on a regular basis.

- CDFW may issue a depredation permit when property is damaged or destroyed (or immediately threatened)
 - City assumes/shares financial cost and liability
 - City applies for permit and written permission from each land/property owner must be obtained
 - Minimal City Owned property in area of interest
 - Animal Treatment Concern
- Cost: \$4,500 - \$7,500 per 10-day trapping period

4. Allow Sport Hunting

- **Sport hunting** involves killing of a specific animal species;
 - Hunters must obtain a valid hunting license and pig tags issued by CDFW.
 - Must receive permission from property owner.
- Goes against local ordinance related to discharge of firearms.
 - [9.48.010 Discharging](#) – Prohibition
 - [9.48.020 Discharging](#) – Permit requirement
 - [CA Penal Code §16000](#) – Control of Deadly Weapons

5. Allow Immediate Take

- An **immediate take** can take place when the landowner, agent, or employee “encounters” immediate damage or destruction (or threat of) land or property – the wild pig may be taken immediately.
- Emergency action for community members.
- Criminal/Civil Risk to Community Member?
 - Illegal to discharge a firearm in City Limits
- **Costs**
 - Investigation
 - Removal of carcass (\$200)

Pros and Cons...

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Recommendations

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